be clear from the report which I have placed before you for your perusal.

**Agricultural School.**—The Agricultural School could not be opened earlier for want of proper staff. As soon as we got a sufficient number of men, the school was opened. We have sent out 20 trained men, and we are now giving instruction to another batch of 20. In this connection, I have to bring to the notice of this House the co-operation of the Education Department with the Agricultural Department, and this is entirely due to the enthusiasm of the present Director of Public Instruction in the spread of Agricultural education in the State.

**The Cocoanut Station.**—This Farm which has become the subject of so much criticism in this House was opened with a view to solve the several problems connected with cocoanuts. The Hon'ble Member for the South Ezhuva constituency remarked that he knows everything about cocoanuts. I must, certainly, congratulate him on his wide knowledge about cocoanuts.

**Mr. A. B. SALEM** (*Jews*).

I think there is some personal reflection in that.

**President.**—There is no reflection. It is complimentary. (*Laughter.*)

**Mr. I. RAMAN MENON** (*Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats*).

Personally, I feel we have yet to learn a lot. We have, for a long time, been dreaming of our glorious past, and I feel it is high time to wake up to realise the actual situation. While the average out-turn of nuts per tree per year is between 50 and 100 in some well-managed estates in other countries, I doubt very much if the average of the State is anything above 30. There were nearly 1,400 trees in the Cocoanut Station, out of which nearly 900 were old and useless. The whole estate had to be laid out and replanted. There are now in the estate not more than 500 bearing trees. 630 trees have been planted, and some portion of the estate has to be laid out and planted. The expenditure proposed for the Cocoanut Station thus includes the cost of maintaining the grown-up trees as well as the cost required for maintaining the 630 trees planted

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